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SUBJECT: REQUEST BY AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR FRENCH
ASSISTANCE IN VIETNAM

REF: PARIS 8640

1. NANCY GUARD OF FRIENDS OF CHILDREN OF VIETNAM
(AC 201-561-9308) TELEPHONED EMBOFF LATE APRIL 8 CONCERN-
ING A SISTER MARIE ROSE, HEAD OF ONE OF THE ORPHANAGES
OF THE SACRED HEART, WHO WAS REPORTEDLY IN DANANG WITH
ONE HUNDRED OF HER ORPHANS. SISTER MARIE ROSE IS
APPARENTLY OF VIETNAMESE NATIONALITY AND WAS ABLE TO
GET MESSAGE TO FRENCH EMBASSY SAIGON THROUGH FRENCH
VICE-CONSUL DILLEMANN. THE AMERICAN ORGANIZATION
WISHES TO CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF THESE ORPHANS IN
DANANG AND DETERMINE A MEANS OF GETTING MONEY OR OTHER
ASSISTANCE TO THEM.

2. CLAUDE CHAYET, FORMER FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO DRV AND
NOW DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS,
IS COORDINATING HUMANITARIAN AID FOR VIETNAM. HE SAID
APRIL 8 THAT NEITHER PARIS NOR THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN
SAIGON IS NOW IN COMMUNICATION WITH DILLEMANN. THEY DO
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NOT ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT FOR

ANOTHER 4 TO 5 DAYS. CHAYET THOUGHT THAT EITHER FRENCH EMBASSY SAIGON OR FRENCH EMBASSY HANOI MIGHT MAKE CONTACT EARLIER, AND IF SO HE WOULD LET US KNOW. CHAYET FROM HIS CONTACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, BELIEVED THAT THE IRC HAD NO BETTER COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE NORTHERN PART OF SOUTH VIETNAM. ALTHOUGH CHAYET THOUGHT MESSAGES SENT DIRECTLY TO FRENCH EMBASSIES IN HANOI AND SAIGON WOULD, BECAUSE OF TIME ZONE PROBLEMS, BE MORE RAPID THAN PASSING VIA THE QUAI, HE THOUGHT THE QUICKEST MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WOULD BE THROUGH THE PRG PERMANENT MISSION IN PARIS SINCE IT HAS MORE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS TO PLACES SUCH AS DANANG. FOR INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT, HEAD OF PERMANENT MISSION IS PHAM VAN BA, ADDRESS 44 AVENUE DE MADRID, 92200 NEUILLY; TELEPHONE 727-0473.

3. WE ARE UNAWARE OF MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WHICH DEPARTMENT MAY BE ADVISING US PRIVATE AGENCIES TO USE. UNLESS INFORMED TO THE CONTRARY, WE SHALL INFORM FRIENDS OF CHILDREN OF VIETNAM AND OTHER AGENCIES WHO CONTACT US DIRECTLY OF THE SITUATION CHAYET DESCRIBED ABOVE AND HIS SUGGESTION THAT AGENCIES CONTACT PRG REP HERE DIRECTLY.
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